

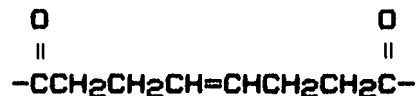
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more of the compounds of claims 19, 20, or 21 in an effective muscle relaxation amount and a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent carrier therefor.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 have been cancelled and claims 19-36 are substituted therefor because of the difficulty in amending which would have needed double underlining which is apparently not permissible pursuant to U.S. Patent Office practice.

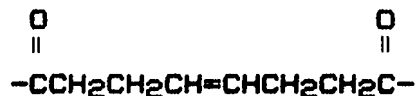
With regard to the claims, claim 19 has been amended so that the double bond as shown below can be seen clearly



in the compound of formula I.

With regard to claims 31 to 33 rejected as being substantial duplicates of claim 19, it is pointed out these are E compounds and specific isomers are named and thus these claims are more specific than the more generic claim 19.

With regard to the rejection over the art, it is pointed out that Taylor cited by the Examiner has no double bond as shown between the portion



which provides a central portion rigidity as shown because of the

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claimed double bond between the $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ || \\ -\text{C}- \end{array}$ and $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ || \\ -\text{C}- \end{array}$ groups. Thus the compound of applicants claim 19 as set forth is believed to have three structural differences between Taylor i.e., a double bond as claimed and two methoxy groups.

In addition, claims 21, 22, 23, 28 and 31 to 41 have steric specificity as well, along with these three differences which can not be said to be taught by the art.

As for the Stenlake citation, the Examiner correctly notes some of the differences. However, it is also pointed out that Stenlake doesn't appear to have the group as shown below



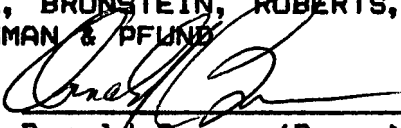
as claimed. Again, claims 21, 22, 23 and 28 and 33 to 41 have steric specificity as noted along with the above mentioned structural differences as claimed which is not taught by Stenlake.

Accordingly, it is respectfully believed that the claims in this application are unobvious over the combination of Taylor and Stenlake or either above.

Respectfully submitted,

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